

## TUTUILA ISLAND.

United States Falls Heir to One of the Best Harbors in the Pacific.

## MOST VALUABLE ADDITION.

The Island Only Important in Its Relation to Transportation—Harbors Land-Locked, and Well Adapted Ports of Call, Supply and Repairs—Out of the Hurricane Track.

Special Correspondence of the Intelligence. WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 12.—Tutuilu, the Samoan island which falls to the United States in the recent arrangement completed between Germany and England, subject to ratification by the United States government, becomes an extremely valuable addition to the possessions of the United States in the Pacific. With but a small area and population, which according to the treasury bureau of statistics, are but fifty-four square miles and 4,000 population, it possesses the most valuable island harbor in the South Pacific and perhaps in the entire Pacific Ocean. A representative of the London Times recently in Washington, who had visited and was thoroughly familiar with not only the Samoan Islands, but those of the Pacific generally, pronounced the harbor of Pango Pango, in the island of Tutuilu, the best in all the Pacific, and the Pearl Harbor in the Hawaiian group, the next in value as a harbor, the United States thus being the possessor of the chief island harbors and ports of call, supply and repairs in the Pacific ocean.

Commercially, the Samoan Islands singly or as a group are unimportant so far as their local production or consumption is concerned, but extremely important in their relation to the commerce of any nation desiring to cultivate trans-Pacific commerce. Mr. Goward, who was sent by the United States government to the Samoan Islands to arrange for a treaty with reference to the harbor of Pango Pango, said: "The capacity of this harbor is sufficient for the accommodation of large fleets; land locked, it is safe from hurricanes and storms and could easily be defended from land or sea attack at a small expense. In a naval point of view, it is the key position to the Samoan group and likewise to central Polynesia, and is especially located for the protection of American commerce. The Samoan archipelago is by reason of its geographical position in central Polynesia lying in the course of vessels from San Francisco to Auckland, from Panama to Sydney, and from Valparaiso to China and Japan, and from being outside the hurricane track, the most valuable group in the South Pacific. Situated half-way between Honolulu and Auckland, Pango-Pango would be a most convenient stopping-place or coaling-station for vessels or steamers, either for supplies or the exchange of commodities. With the Pacific mail steamers making it a port for coaling, it would necessarily become the controlling commercial place in that part of Polynesia."

The above statement made by Mr. Goward in 1887, applied simply to the harbor of Pango-Pango, and its importance increases with the occupancy and complete ownership of the entire island by the United States, and becomes additionally important in view of the control by the United States of the Hawaiian and Philippine groups, the prospective construction of an isthmian canal, and the rapidly growing commerce between the United States and the great markets of Asia and Oceania which buy annually more than a billion dollars' worth of goods, and nearly all of this of the class of merchandise which the people of the United States desire to sell.

The interest of the United States in the Samoan Islands, and especially Tutuilu, which now passes completely under our control, provided the agreement of Germany and England is ratified by the United States, began in 1872, when Commander Meade, of the United States navy, made a treaty with Mauga, the great chief of the island of Tutuilu, by which the port of Pango-Pango was to become the property of the United States on condition that a friendly alliance be made between the island and this government. President Grant, in a message sending the treaty to the United States in that year, said: "The advantages of the

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concessions which the treaty professes to make are so great in view of the advantageous position of Tutuilu seaport as a coaling station for steamers between San Francisco and Australia that I should not hesitate to recommend its adoption, but for the obligation of protection on the part of the United States which it seems to imply." This "obligation of protection" was afterward modified by the senate, which then ratified the treaty, which in turn was accepted by the Samoan chief, the final treaty was signed on January 7, 1878, and the ratifications exchanged on February 13, by which the right to establish at Pango-Pango a station for coaling, naval supplies, freedom of trade, commercial treatment as a favored nation, and extra-territorial consular jurisdiction were secured to the United States. The extension of United States control over the entire island according to the plan proposed by Germany and Great Britain would consummate the wishes expressed by the chief of the island in the draft of the treaty forwarded to the United States in 1872, and thus bring the people of the island into closer relations with this government for which they asked on that occasion.

Commercially, as already indicated, the island is extremely important in its relation to transportation between the United States and Asia and Oceania, though unimportant as to local production or consumption, the entire importation of the Samoan group being but a half million dollars annually, the bulk coming from the Australian colonies, the nearest sources of supply, while the United States and Germany divide about equally the remainder of the trade.

The port of Pango-Pango was, shortly after the treaty, surveyed by the United States government and a coaling station was established last year. In considering the value of Tutuilu and its harbor of Pango-Pango it is proper to add that the Samoan naval disaster of 1889, in which a number of naval vessels were wrecked during a severe storm, occurred in the roadstead of Apia on the island of Upolu, and not in the land-locked and well protected harbor of Pango-Pango.

## Postal Matters.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligence. WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 12.—The following postmasters have been commissioned at fourth class offices in West Virginia:

Jordan S. Ott, Brink; Andrew J. Buckley, Sloan, and Lewis Hammer, Washburn.

Two new postoffices have been established in West Virginia, one at La-tonia, Gilmer county, Esta Gainer, postmaster, and the other at Oak, Wood county, Samuel I. Robinson, postmaster.

An order has been issued changing the name of the postoffice at Nuzuma, Marion county, to Hammond, with Daniel L. Morrow, postmaster.

The following star service changes have been ordered in West Virginia: Route 16,338, Wattsville to Strangecreek; supply Wattsville at site authorized November 2, 1899, without change in distance; route 16,746, Snyder's Mills to Shepherdstown, permit postmaster at terminal to dispatch mail one-half hour in advance of schedule time, provided no connections are broken and no complaints made.

The following changes have been ordered in the star schedule in West Virginia: Route 16,273, Viola to Triadelphia; leave Viola daily except Sunday at 1 p. m., and Triadelphia on the same days at 8 a. m.; route 16,418, Gatewood to Fayetteville, leave Gatewood Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 11:30 a. m., and leave Fayetteville the same days at 2:30 p. m.; route 16,451, Greenville to Lindslee; leave Greenville daily except Sunday at 2 p. m., and leave Lindslee on the same days at 8:30 a. m.; route 16,458, Greenville to Lowell, leave Greenville daily except Sunday at 2:30 p. m., and leave Lowell the same days at 9:30 a. m.

## Added to the Pension List.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligence. WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 12.—Pensions have been granted to West Virginia applicants as follows:

Original, (special)—Charles E. Hughes, Forks of Little Sandy, \$6; Lewis M. Strickland, Clendenin, \$6; J. T. McAdams, Wheeling, \$6. Increase—Henry Enlow, Market, \$10 to \$12; Jerome B. Motter, Mannington, \$10 to \$12; Henry J. Lewis, Huntington, \$12 to \$14; Andrew B. Porter, Wheeling, \$6 to \$8; James G. Snodgrass, Brink, \$12 to \$14; Hiram T. Carson, Troy, \$6 to \$8; James Tanner, Patrick, \$6 to \$8; Samuel Polen, Sistersville, \$16 to \$17.

Restoration—Gilbert Melott, New Martinsville, \$3, and minor of Andrew J. Farley, Fairfax, \$16, (supplemental).

## Shooting Affray at Berkeley.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligence. BERKELEY SPRINGS, W. Va., Nov. 12.—Considerable excitement was caused here this afternoon by William Everett attempting to shoot S. W. M. Peters. Both men are farmers, the latter a native of Philadelphia, and Everett accused Peters of stealing two of his cattle. In the quarrel which followed, Everetts drew his revolver and fired twice, but neither shot took effect. Everetts was given a hearing

before Justice Widmayer and held in the sum of \$300 for his appearance before the grand jury. Mr. Peters is a prominent citizen and a year ago was a candidate for state senator on an independent ticket.

## Grain Elevator Destroyed.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligence. CHARLES TOWN, W. Va., Nov. 12.—The grain elevator at Shenandoah Junction, five miles from Charles Town, the property of Lemon & Company, of Shepherdstown, was totally destroyed by fire last night about 10 o'clock, together with all its contents, consisting of wheat and corn valued at about \$5,000. Surrounding frame buildings were also destroyed. The origin of the fire is unknown. Losses covered by insurance. The elevator was sold a few days ago to Lemon & Company by S. L. Williams, of Shenandoah Junction. The light reflected by the fire was so great that an alarm of fire was given in this city.

## Amateur Photography.

One can do all sorts of things with photographic prints, if one only knows how, says Dorothy Forester, in the Girls' Realm.

"One of the simplest, and I find best, methods to work upon is, in the first place, to select a good title—by a good title I mean some well known phrase or term where the play upon the words is easy and the picture obvious. For instance: An old head on young shoulders, represented by the head of an old lady of eighty, printed on to the body of a child of six. This changing of heads is the simplest, yet one of the most amusing, of the effects that can be produced by composite photography, and is obtained quite easily by marking the plates in printing. It may be as well to explain, for the benefit of those who, as yet, know nothing of the mysteries of this branch of the photographic art, what the marking process is.

"Take, for instance, the one I suggested, 'An old head on young shoulders.' First print the figure of the child, carefully blocking out the head and neck line by covering it with paper of the exact shape. Then take the negative of the old lady and block out everything but her head, and put this upon the body of the child. Of course this must be done with great care, and the joining of the photographs softened in order to leave no hard lines. You should also generally retouch the whole picture. After some practice in doing this you will find that with the exercise of a little thought and ingenuity almost any part of a photograph can be altered, pieces of it taken away and bits added here and there, until hardly anything of the original remains.

Many amateurs and almost all beginners in interior work believe that it is impossible to over-expose in this class of work. But it is possible to get over-exposures even on a dull day. In the case of a dark interior it is an excellent idea to light a lamp or candle and focus the flame. Another method, and one which is recommended by a well known amateur, is to tear the front page title off a newspaper and pin it to the wall upside down. With the help of the artificial light it will be possible to get a very good focus on the bit of paper, but it should not be forgotten that the paper is there, or else there will be a certain inverted title which will have to be explained. Avoid any cross lighting, and in many cases it is a good idea to have a lamp placed in such a position that the darkest corner of the room will be illuminated.

If a wide-angle lens requires to be fitted with a shutter, the best plan is to have a disc of wood turned with a hole in its center, so as to fit on the front of the lens, and with the outside circumference of the disc turned to fit the shutter that is deemed most suitable. The bigger the shutter the better, for if the working aperture of the shutter is too small some of the view will be cut off, and the negative proportionately spoiled. The shutter should also be as shallow as is possible (that is, thin from back to back), or the same defect in the negative may be caused. The shutting of a door during the photographing of an interior does not matter, providing that when opened again it can be put exactly in the same place for the remainder of the exposure. But in photographing a door, behind which there is a room with a strong light, points out the Photographic News, such as that coming from a conservatory, it would be wisest to lock the door, as the strong light, even if it should be admitted only for a very short time, would show up in the resulting negative as a ghostlike form on the door.

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## SCHOOL MELANGE.

The O and D teachers' meeting of Ritchie school was held in the office of the principal on Wednesday. Superintendent Anderson was present and gave one of his best talks on general topics connected with school management and methods. Teachers were urged to teach the pupils to have respect for their elders; to pay strict attention to reading; to breaking up the sing-song tone; not to read in a tone too loud or too low; to pay strict attention to distinct articulation, and to the diacritical marks in writing words; to teach the tables thoroughly in arithmetic, just as early in the school life of the child as possible. These and other topics were discussed. The mother's meeting for the month of November will be held as follows: At the annex building, Wednesday afternoon, November 23, and at the main building, Thursday afternoon, November 24. All who can possibly do so are requested to come in time to visit whatever rooms they wish to visit before dismissal of school.

Misses Emma W. Steinbecker, assistant grammar teacher, Ritchie school, has been out of school for the past eight days on account of sickness. Her place has been ably filled by Miss Marie Schael. Miss Elizabeth Bickerton, teacher of the sixth year grade, Ritchie annex, has been confined to her room at home for the past week, her place being well filled by Miss Bertha Rothmund. Both expect to be in their places during the present week.

The importance of the proper teaching of reading in our schools we fear is underestimated, even by many teachers. The pupil who cannot read any ordinary production at sight is not prepared to succeed in the studies that follow, and indeed, many pupils are dragging along in geography, history, grammar and other studies from the fact that they cannot read readily the most common text in our books. There are three things necessary in order to become a passable reader. 1. The ability to call words and sentences at sight. 2. The ability to deliver the subject matter as though it were your own. 3. To give force and elegance to its delivery. The first, i. e., the ability to read at sight, is an absolute necessity in order to become a good student. To secure this, the sentence method is to be preferred in teaching the young child to read. Let the child understand from the very first that reading is the ability to see and to speak readily whole sentences or such parts of them as will make sense. The mere conning of words is not reading. The teacher who prepares her pupils to read well, has done them a great favor, because she has started them on the road to learning in a manner that will enable them to travel it alone. If they are so situated in life as to be forced to do so. The reading lesson shall be studied thoroughly before the recitation takes place. This, though, is the exception, not the rule in our schools to-day. The reading is generally the least studied of any other lesson. It is the duty of the teacher to see to this and also to do all in her power to have the lesson read in a clear and distinct tone, with the pupil in a proper attitude of body. The teacher owes it to the pupil that he leave school after the fourth or fifth year a passable reader. Teachers, pay more attention to the reading lesson and you will be well rewarded for so doing in the pupil's better progress in all other branches.

The writer would like to speak of the importance of the literary exercises generally had on Friday afternoon in our public schools. He would like to cause the parents to realize that when their children fail to attend school on Friday afternoon, they miss one of the most important exercises of the entire week. As has several times been mentioned in these notes, the hour spent in these exercises is of more real, practical benefit to the pupil than is any other hour of the entire week. In this age of push and go-aheadiveness, the parent wishes his child to get something in school that will help in life just as soon as he leaves the school, and these exercises if properly carried out, and the pupil gets all there is in them for him, will help him every way, no matter what he may engage in after leaving school.

The following is clipped from an article written by Superintendent H. C. Krebs, of Somerville, N. J., on the subject, "Working Teachers to Death": "As a rule it is in poor schools that the largest amount of averaging and per centing is done. Let a teacher know that her work will be judged at the end of the year by the averages attained by her pupils in a final examination, and she will at once devote herself to cramming the pupils for 'the great day.' Naturally, this produces poor work. Advanced ideas on education are not employed. There is no time for anything that does not lead to high percentages. And so the grind goes on. . . . Let it be stated in the loudest tones, and may they ring until they strike the ears of all principals and superintendents, that class examinations for promotion are an absolutely unnecessary evil, and should be completely wiped out." Is Mr. Krebs correct? Without saying whether he is or not, the suggestion is made, that there is enough in his remarks to cause one to think seriously and be able to know whether there is not a better way.

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